



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES GARRISON, FT GREELY
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Installation Policy Memorandum #39, Migrating Birds Policy

1. REFERENCES

- a. Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 USC 703-712
- b. Code of Federal Regulations, 50 CFR Parts 13 and 21
- c. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Advisory: Recommended Time Periods for Avoiding Vegetation Clearing in Alaska to Protect Migratory Birds
- d. State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Public Safety Permit No. 04-012
- e. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Permit No. MB42413A-0

2. PURPOSE. Provide policy guidance to protect migrating birds on Fort Greely.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all employees, contractors, visitors and residents that work, visit or reside on Fort Greely.

4. POLICY. **Birds, their nests, chicks, or eggs shall not be harmed or otherwise disturbed at any time.** Nests may not be removed or tampered with between April 30 and July 30 by anyone other than the Installation Pest Management Coordinator (IMPC) or his appointee. The IPMC maintains permits from US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game which allow for the removal of migratory birds as required, to protect public health and property. The IPMC may appoint additional personnel to assist under his direct supervision in these mitigation efforts.

5. PROCEDURES.

- a. Any person who has knowledge of any injured or dead bird, nest destruction or tampering, harassment of birds or chicks, or any activity that is an actual or potential threat to birds, nests, eggs or chicks shall immediately report the matter to the Environmental Office, Directorate of Public Works.

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b. Directorates and tenant organizations shall insure that employees, contractors, visitors and residents are advised of this policy.

6. BACKGROUND.

a. Swallows typically begin arriving at Fort Greely in May. During their stay at Fort Greely they build new nests or reoccupy existing nests, lay eggs, and rear their chicks. Normally, the swallows will leave for their southern migration by July. The Cliff Swallow is the most prevalent swallow in the housing and industrial areas of Fort Greely. Violet-green, Tree, and Bank Swallows are also known to migrate to the Alaskan Interior.

b. Swallows are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It is unlawful to harm or disturb the birds, nests, eggs or chicks. Violations of these prohibitions can result in severe monetary penalties (up to \$15,000 per violation) and in some cases imprisonment. These sanctions are applied to the individuals responsible for the violation(s). Grouse and Ptarmigan are the only year around resident (non-migratory) birds.

7. PROPONENT. My point of contact is the Installation Pest Management Coordinator, Environmental Office, Directorate of Public Works, Richard Barth at 873-4202 or richard.d.barth4.civ@mail.mil.



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